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DEPUTIES' MEETING



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Friday, 5 February 1954

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick,
Sheldon, [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

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c. Referred to a cable from [redacted] (IN 15365), respecting the possibility 25X1
of [redacted] and discussed his proposed reply thereto. General Cabell suggested that if it was decided to dispatch this reply, the policy contained therein should also be brought to the attention of the planners here at Headquarters. The Director approved. In connection with the policy outlined in the above-mentioned reply, [redacted] noted it appeared well within our Charter, as indicated in NSC Directives which he had had opportunity to read during his present visit to Headquarters. He also said that he had greatly benefited by reading these papers and suggested they be made available, as appropriate, to other Senior Representatives. The Director approved, provided safeguards are taken to protect security. Mr. [redacted] said action was under way to provide NSC Directives to field stations.

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d. Noted he had seen the film [redacted] and asked [redacted] to consider how this picture could be surfaced in order that it might be more widely distributed. In this connection the Director asked if we had received any word [redacted] as to its distribution there. [redacted] undertook to check on this. General Cabell recommended that at future private showings of this picture, it be emphasized that its possession in U.S. hands is highly classified. The DCI approved.

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e. Noted Congressman Kirsten was coming in to see him on Monday, 3 February, and asked Mr. Kirkpatrick to arrange to have an appropriate CIA officer sit in on this meeting.

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Mr. Dulles (Continued):

f. Noted that General Willems had called him regarding a split report by the Watch Committee and stated he had advised Willems that there was no objection on his part to such reports. General Cabell noted the report in question had already been published.

Colonel White:

Noted the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee had requested the following: information on the number of Supergrades in CIA; obligations and expenditures; and the number of motor vehicles operated by the Agency. In connection with the latter, Colonel White noted that a breakdown of the number of domestic and foreign vehicles had not been requested. The Director approved furnishing the above information to the Committee but stated, however, the number of motor vehicles should be broken down as to domestic and foreign with a statement as to the reason why it was necessary for the Agency to maintain a large number of cars, trucks, etc., overseas; i.e., clandestine activities. Colonel White and Mr. Kirkpatrick undertook to work out an appropriate statement which will be classified in view of the operational information contained therein.

Mr. Sheldon:

Referred to a discussion at the Deputies' Meeting on Friday, 29 January 1954, respecting a report on Soviet Bloc import and export of motor vehicles requested by [redacted] and stated he did not believe this information should be made available since it would establish a precedent and therefore leave us open to similar requests from other publishers. [redacted] pointed out that at the above-mentioned Deputies' Meeting, it had been agreed that this information would be furnished through [redacted] without attribution to CIA. [redacted]

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Mr. Sheldon, in response to a query from the Director, stated we were not being pushed for this report and, in fact, he doubted if there was anything to be gained by making it available. The Director stated if these, therefore, were the facts this matter would be dropped.

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Drew attention to a cable from the [redacted] (IN 15508) respecting an approach to Molotov by the International Veterans Association. After some discussion the Director stated he saw no objection to this proposal.

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